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SUBJECT: FIFTH MEETING (1976) CENTO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES,
NOVEMBER 29, 1976

1. THE FIFTH MEETING (1976) OF THE CENTO COUNCIL OF
DEPUTIES TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 29, 1976.

2. THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WERE TAKEN:

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CD/75/A5). APPROVED.

B. APPROVAL OF RECORD (CD/76/R4). APPROVED.

C. APPOINTMENT OF TURKISH NATIONAL MR. ORAL AKGUN
AS THE NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL (PUBLIC RELATIONS)
(CD/76/D17). APPROVED.

D. INCREASE IN CENTO SUBSISTENCE RATES (BAC/76/D7-
REVISION NO. 1). APPROVED. THE SUBSISTENCE RATES
PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT WERE APPROVED. THE DEPUTY
FROM PAKISTAN REQUESTED THAT A STUDY BE PRESENTED ON
CONFERENCE RATES AND HOTEL CEILINGS. THERE WAS
GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN NOT TO
ABUSE THE USE OF CONFERENCE RATES. THE UK DEPUTY
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NOTED THAT HE WISHED IT UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILE SUB-

SISTENCE AND RELATED RATES WERE PEGGED TO THE BRITISH RATES THIS DID NOT MEAN AUTOMATICITY IN TERMS OF A CHANGE IN CENTO RATES AND THAT EACH CHANGE WOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARIAT TO THE BAC FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES. THIS WAS AGREED ON.

E. MTCF AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 1974-75 (CD/76/D18). APPROVED.

F. DATE AND PLACE OF 24TH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING. THE SECRETARY GENERAL REPORTED A NEW IRANIAN OFFER THAT THE MEETING BE HELD IN TEHRAN VICE PERSEPOLIS IN ORDER TO SAVE ON THE TIME OF BUSY FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE DATES PROPOSED REMAIN THE SAME: APRIL 23-25. STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD ON FIRST DAY, THUS REQUIRING MINISTERIAL ATTENDANCE ONLY ON APRIL 24 AND 25; AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH WOULD BE HELD ON APRIL 25.

G. CENTO SECRETARIAT BUDGET. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL URGED THE DEPUTIES TO HASTEN THE APPROVAL OF THE 1976-77 BUDGET. ACTION IS HOPED FOR ON COST OF LIVING INCREASES, SALARIES, RENTS, AND OTHER RELATED AREAS OF EXPENDITURE. THE UK DEPUTY REPORTED THAT CONVERSION TO US DOLLARS AS THE VEHICLE FOR EXPRESSING THE CENTO BUDGET WAS BEING CONSIDERED IN LONDON. (SEE ANKARA-8725 AND LONDON 18950). THE SECRETARY-GENERAL NOTED THAT CENTO WILL ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN ITS PROGRAMS DESPITE BUDGET CUTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES BY THE BAC.

H. DRAFT PAPER ON POLITICAL GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY PLANNING. SECRETARY-GENERAL NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING IN POLITICAL WORKING GROUP AND HE URGED THE DEPUTIES TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO ELIMINATING THE IMPASSES THAT HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED. HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO PRESENT A DRAFT POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER TO THE APRIL MINISTERIAL FOR ADOPTION. (AT INFORMAL DEPUTIES LUNCHEON
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PRECEDING COUNCIL MEETING, IT EMERGED THAT IRANIAN INTEREST IN UPDATING SITUATION IN AREA PAPER WAS RESTRICTED TO: "DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON AND ANGOLA AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE CENTO AREA AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE CENTO AREA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN." IRANIAN VIEWS ON THESE TWO POINTS WILL BE HEARD AT ANOTHER INFORMAL SESSION OF DEPUTIES TO BE HELD BETWEEN DECEMBER 12 AND 20. FOR TIME BEING, THEREFORE, DECISION REGARDING UPDATING OF ENTIRE

PAPER PER ANKARA 8707 AND STATE 283458 IS DEFERRED.)

I. OTHER BUSINESS. UNDER THIS HEADING THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL COMMENTED ON THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE
IN VAN, EASTERN TURKEY. HE PROPOSED A DRAFT COMMUNI-
QUE REGARDING CENTO'S CONTRIBUTION TO DISASTER RELIEF
WHICH MAINLY ACKNOWLEDGED MEMBER STATES' BILATERAL
ACTIONS AND COMMENDED THE WORK OF THE TURKISH RELIEF AUTHORITIES.
THE RESPECTIVE DEPUTIES THEN OUTLINED THEIR
COUNTRIES' CONTRIBUTIONS. COMMUNIQUE WILL BE POUCHED
WITH CENTO DOCUMENTS.
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